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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to California Library Week.

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SCR 31, as introduced, Wolk. California Library Week.

This measure would declare April 12, 2015, to April 18, 2015, inclusive, as California Library Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California Library Week seeks to partner with the
2 efforts surrounding National Library Week, which is being
3 celebrated in public libraries throughout the United States from
4 April 12, 2015, to April 18, 2015, inclusive; and
5 WHEREAS, More than 21 million people use California's public
6 libraries each year; and
7 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are changing and
8 dynamic places, offering books, computers, Internet access, e-mail
9 reference, e-books, and other innovative services to connect their
10 users with ideas and information; and
11 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are valued community
12 centers providing education, information, knowledge, and
13 entertainment; and
14 WHEREAS, California's public libraries and librarians advance
15 teaching and learning by helping students, faculty, seniors,

1 veterans, researchers, and other members of the general public
2 obtain the best, most accurate, and complete information; and

3 WHEREAS, California's public libraries provide equal and
4 economical services to library users, and in many cases, serve as
5 a community's only point of access to resources for learning; and

6 WHEREAS, California's public libraries provide technology
7 training and help to bridge the "digital divide" for those who do
8 not have access to technology at home or at school; and

9 WHEREAS, California's public libraries change lives by serving
10 over 20,000 adults annually through customized literacy services
11 delivered primarily through trained volunteers, who contribute
12 over 750,000 hours annually to assist adults in learning how to
13 read; and

14 WHEREAS, The students of California are a rapidly growing
15 group of library users, visiting the state's public libraries after
16 school and on weekends for homework assistance and for materials
17 to use in school assignments; and

18 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are important
19 community educational resources, providing books and innovative
20 programs and services such as preschool literacy readiness, Toddler
21 Times, the California Summer Reading Program, Grandparents
22 and Books, and Reach Out and Read in conjunction with pediatric
23 clinics; and

24 WHEREAS, This year the California State Library will be
25 celebrating its 165th year of providing technical assistance and
26 consultation to California's public libraries, and preserving and
27 hosting an abundance of California's priceless historical items;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, California's public libraries preserve our cultural
30 heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; now, therefore,
31 be it

32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the week of April
34 12, 2015, to April 18, 2015, inclusive, as California Library Week,
35 and commends California's public libraries, librarians, and all
36 library workers for enriching the lives of California residents and
37 helping to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and
38 work; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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